

Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **April 16, 2009**. The Office Action rejected claims 26-36 under 35 USC § 103(a) over Lau (US 6,165,210) in view of Song (US 5,330,500).

Independent claim 26 is herein amended to provide additional clarity.

In light of the foregoing following comments, Applicants request reconsideration.

Claims 26-36 were previously rejected over Lau in view of Song. Applicants submit herewith a Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.131 to swear behind Lau 6,165,210. The immediate application is a continuation of Applicant No. 09/977,823 which is a continuation of Application No. 09/271,304, issued as 6,319,277 (the '277 patent). During prosecution of the '277 patent, a Declaration was submitted to swear behind US Patent 5,876,432 to Lau (the '432 patent). The '432 patent is a divisional of Patent No. 6,165,210. Thus, the '432 patent and currently cited 6,165,210 share the same 102(e) date of April 1, 1994.

As the Declaration was previously used to swear behind the '432 patent, Applicants submit that the Declaration (provided herewith) is sufficient to swear behind 6,165,210 to Lau, thus removing it as a prior art reference.

As all pending claims were rejected over 6,165,210 to Lau, the rejections are believed moot.

Conclusion

Based on at least the foregoing remarks, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 26-36. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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